

No. XI.—OCCURRENCE OF *TROPIDONOTUS HIMALAYANUS*
IN BURMA.

We have lately received from the North Chin Hills, altitude 5,250', a specimen of this snake, which we observe, on a reference to Boulenger's "Reptilia," has not been recorded from this Province.

It requires no description, being a normal specimen.

The ventrals numbered 175, and there are two anterior temporals on each side.

It is worthy of remark that the black nuchal spot and orange colour characteristics noted to differentiate this snake from *T. subminiatus* were absent in this specimen.

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No. XII.—ON THE OCCURRENCE OF *SIMOTES SPLENDIDUS*
IN BURMA, OR A PROBABLE NEW SPECIES.

This specimen came to us from Sagaing, in the dry zone of Upper Burma, on the 3rd July. Unfortunately, only the head and two or three inches of the neck and a few inches out of the middle of the body were sent. The portions received were quite perfect, and doubtless the whole specimen had not been preserved, as the Burman had not at hand a bottle of sufficient size to accommodate the whole snake, which, from the size of the head and girth of body, we suppose would measure about two feet, judging by other species of *Simotis* (*violaceus* and *cyclusurus*) with which we are familiar.

It accords closely with the description of *S. splendidus* in Boulenger's work, but differs in the following points:—

Rostral—the portion seen from above is slightly greater than distance from frontal.

Internasals—of which there are four, are peculiar, the median pair are smaller, and project backwards to the middle of the præfrontals.

Præfrontals—are four in number, a small median pair only half the length of the larger outer pair.

Frontal—distinctly less than distance to end of snout; equals parietals.

Postoculars—three, right and left.

Ventrals—are very distinctly angulate.

It appears to us that there is little doubt that this is a new species, but we are chary of pronouncing it so decisively, seeing that we have only one specimen, and that not complete, also that it possibly may be an abnormal "*splendidus*."

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